

**ASSISTANCE TO WEAVERS**

1158. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:  
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the hardships being faced by weavers and artisans of handicrafts sector in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government provides any financial assistance/subsidy through various schemes formulated for weavers and artisans and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the problem of low income has resulted in a decrease in the overall number of weavers as the existing weavers are not showing any interest in handing over the tradition to their next generations;
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken for welfare of handloom workers who are carrying forward India's rich cultural heritage;
- (e) whether the Government is considering giving power subsidy to weavers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) schemes formulated/implemented and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion and development of handloom/powerloom and handicraft sectors in the country including the benefits being provided to weavers/workers under various schemes?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) to (d):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes to develop and promote the handloom and handicraft sector and welfare of weavers/artisans across the country including Uttar Pradesh:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;
3. National Handicraft Development Programme;
4. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme

Under the above schemes, financial assistance/subsidy is provided to eligible handloom and handicraft agencies/weavers/artisans for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, toolkits, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, publicity and brand development through Handlooms Mark (HLM), marketing of handloom products through online indiahandmade portal in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

**(e):** To minimize power dependence, financial assistance is provided to handloom weavers/workers for purchase of solar lighting system.

**(f):** The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives to promote and develop the textile sector including handloom/powerloom and handicraft sectors. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme which seeks to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure; SAMARTH – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain.

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